

Representative Nancy Jenkins - April 14, 2011
House Bill 4534-Testimony

Thank you for allowing me to testify to House Bill 4534.

P.A. 425 of 1984 allows local governments the option of conditionally transferring land to one another. This statute is used to enhance intergovernmental cooperation and spur economic development.

House Bill 4534 amends PA 425 of 1984 (Conditional Land Use Transfer Act) to remove financial barriers to local government cooperation and consolidation by deleting burdensome employee compensation mandates. To do so, the bill strikes language that essentially requires local governments to take the best part of each employee wage and benefit package and merge it into one contract. This results in more expensive contracts and often deters local governments from cooperating or consolidating.

This bill is the last remaining portion of the urban cooperation bill package (HB 4309-12) which caucus unanimously passed out of committee and the House. HB 4534 strikes the same employee contract language that was included in HB 4309-12.